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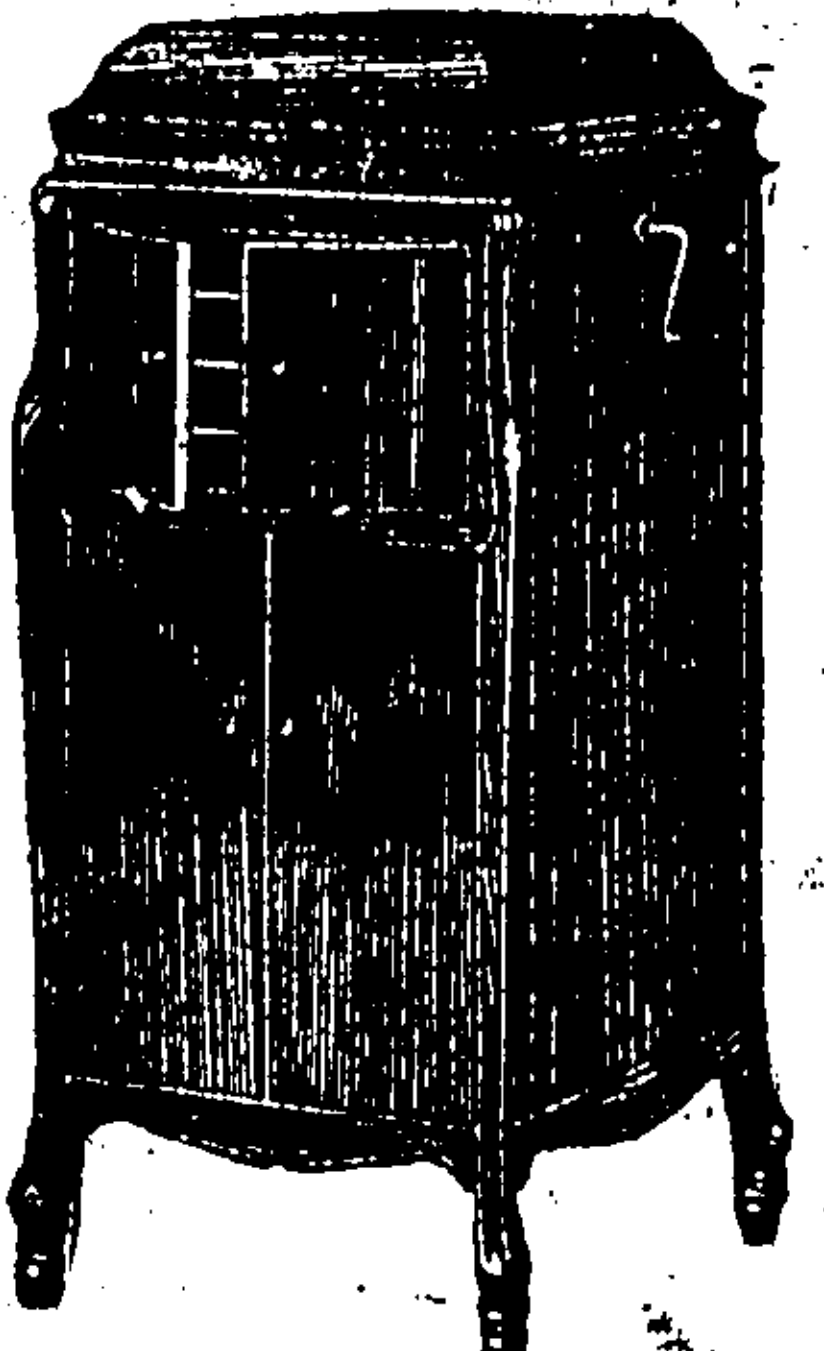
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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, July 29.
The draft of the Belgian reply to the British note was handed to the Quai d'Orsay this morning by the Belgian Ambassador who had a prolonged conference with Signor Dellarocca.

The reply is being telephoned to the premier, M. Poincaré, at Sampigny.

PARIS, July 29.
The French and Belgian draft replies will be handed to the Foreign Office on July 30.

COMMUNIST MEETINGS.
BERLIN, July 29.
Official reports hitherto received show that Communist meetings held this morning throughout the Reich passed off quietly. The attendance at the demonstrations was declared poor. Ten thousand demonstrators marched in procession through Liepzig, but there was no disorder.

INCREASED TAXATION.
BERLIN, July 29.
A manifesto has been issued stating that with a view to strengthening the financial situation advance payment of income tax will be demanded, and in order to meet depreciation in the currency measures will be enforced remodelling the property taxes and the inheritance duties, doubling the taxation on the Stock Exchange turnover, and curtailing the period which taxes on articles of general consumption are payable.

An increase in the income tax is contemplated in order to compensate for the loss of the Rhineland and the Ruhr. The issue of a stabilisation loan has been decided upon.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS. SPAIN DEFEATS FRANCE.

DEAUVILLE, July 29.
In the Davis Cup doubles Flauger and Degomar (Spain) beat Brugnon and Cochet (France) 6-4, 8-6, 11-13, 1-6, 6-4.

DEAUVILLE, July 29.
Playing for the Davis Cup Lacorte beat Degomar in the resumed match 5-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

JAPAN DEFEATS CANADA.
MONTREAL, July 28.
In the Davis Cup doubles, Shimidzu and Kashio (Japan) beat Crocker and Wright (Canada) 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

AUSTRALIA DEFEATS HAWAII.
NEW YORK, July 30.
Playing for the Davis Cup Anderson and Hawkes (Australia) beat Ecklund and Dietrick (Hawaii) 6-0, 8-6, 7-5.

ATHLETICS.

PARIS, July 29.
At an athletics meeting held in the Pershing Stadium, England, defeated France by 69 to 42 points.

WITHOUT AUCTION. LAND FOR PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

A representative of the China Mail called upon Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Colonial Secretary, this morning, to ascertain how it was that certain lots of land had been sold privately by Government without being put up to auction. The attention of Mr. Fletcher was called to paragraph 6, page 7, of the Report of the Director of Public Works for the year 1922, which reads:

Sales Without Auction.—Five lots were sold under this heading in Hongkong and realized \$80,199.00. In Kowloon, two lots were sold which realized \$51,089.84. Two instalments were also paid into the Treasury on account of the sale without auction last year of Kowloon Inland Lot 1,461 (Peninsula Hotel site). Mr. Fletcher, in this connection stated that lots were frequently sold privately with special restrictive covenants for certain reasons. Recently land had been sold at Yau-mat at one dollar a foot for the erection

of Y.M.C.A. buildings. Sometimes the Government sells land at a specially low price for religious or educational purposes. The Kowloon-Tong was granted land without an auction being held, on an undertaking to build with a view to relieving the shortage of housing accommodation. Quite recently the Electric Company has obtained land for residential sites to house its European employees, on similar terms.

PENINSULA HOTEL SITE.
With regard to the site granted for the Peninsula Hotel, Mr. Fletcher said that it had been sold at \$5.00 a foot on the condition that the land was "only to be used for the erection of a European hotel with garages and banks, offices and shops on modern lines and rendering facilities expected by its clientele." After the erection of the Peninsula Hotel, the Hongkong Hotel Co., will only be allowed to sell the property on the condition that the purchaser continues to conduct a hotel run on modern European lines, said the Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Fletcher agreed that a hotel run on modern lines was a "public utility" and served a very useful purpose in attracting visitors.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION. SCOTTISH COLLIERY DISASTER. EIGHT MEN KILLED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 29.
Eight men were killed and two were seriously injured in an explosion at the Gartshore colliery near Killyth.

Twelve men were in the pit bricking in a large area, when a gas explosion wrecked the work. Killyth is a burgh of Stirlingshire. A big explosion has also occurred at Maltby colliery near Rotherham. It is reported that twenty-eight lives were lost. There were 120 employees in the Maltby main coal mine at the time of the explosion, but all except twenty-eight were safely got up. The accident was due to "gob" fires, which the men have been endeavouring to extinguish for some days. Rescue work was handicapped by the masses of debris.

FRENCH WIRELESS. LINKING UP THE COLONIES. PACIFIC RIVALRY.

PARIS, July 29.
As regards wireless linking up the French colonies, it is hoped that the stations at Bamako, Brazzaville, Saïda and Antananarivo will be finished next year.

Senator Lemery tabled a bill proposing that power stations equal to the foregoing should be established at Noumea, Papeete, Djibouti and Martinique.

He pointed out that foreign nations were rapidly increasing the number of wireless stations in the Pacific, Germany being very active in the Dutch colonies.

HOME DOCKERS' STRIKE. HULL MEN RESUME WORK.

LONDON, July 29.
The Hull dockers, meeting to-night, decided by a large majority to return to work to-morrow. The men are dissatisfied with the method of calculating the cost of living figure, by the fall of which reductions in wages are determined. The leaders point out that the agreement signed in September last making wages dependent on the cost of living must be upheld. They point out that the men will benefit when the cost of living rises.

AMERICA'S FALLEN. GIBRALTAR TABLET.

GIBRALTAR, July 29.
Six American destroyers and a fleet of auxiliary craft arrived here to participate in the ceremony of unveiling a memorial tablet in the dockyard to all ratings of the American navy who fell in the war. Other United States ships are expected and 3,500 American sailors and marines will attend the ceremony.

CHINA'S MILLIONS.

The following figures estimated in 1922 by provincial officials are given in the Chinese Post Office report for last year.

Peking	4,014,610.
Chihli	30,172,002.
Shansi	11,114,951.
Honan	30,831,909.
Shensi	9,405,558.
Kansu	5,927,997.
Sinkiang	2,519,579.
Fengtien	12,824,770.
Ky-Hai	9,259,955.
Shantung	30,803,245.
Szechwan	49,782,810.
Hupeh	27,167,244.
Hunan	28,443,270.
Kiangsi	24,466,800.
Kiangsu	28,235,864.
Shanghai	5,510,700.
Anhui	19,832,665.
Chekiang	22,043,300.
Fukien	13,157,791.
Kwangtung	37,167,791.
Kwangsi	12,258,335.
Yunnan	9,839,180.
Kweichow	11,216,400.
TOTAL	436,094,953.

Not included in the above (no data available):—
(a) 1 Hsien and Mongolia in Peking District.
(b) 1 Hsien in Fengtien District.
(c) Tibet.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Mr. John Whitcomb, who farmed considerable areas in Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire left estate of the gross value of £43,154.

Mr. Fortunino Matania, the black-out-white artist, in mail week was lying seriously ill in a London nursing home, where he has just undergone an operation.

A farm labourer, Moses Phillips, 83, of East Malling, near Maidstone, who has just died, went to work at the age of 8 and was employed continuously on the same farm at Broadwater East Malling, for 74 years.

Mr. Lloyd George has, we understand, arranged to visit the United States in October. While doubtless he will deliver a certain number of speeches, it is stated that there is no truth in the report that he has been booked for a lecture tour.

Presiding at the thirty-eighth annual meeting of the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen, Lord George Hamilton congratulated the organisation upon having started the scheme for dealing with the three branches of the Service by united action under the most favourable auspices.

Strong criticism was made of the proceedings of the Committee which is inquiring into the domestic servant question, at a meeting at Kensington Town Hall, organised by the National Citizens' Union. A resolution was adopted urging that practical teaching of domestic subjects to girls should be made compulsory in every State-aided school.

The directors of the Great Western Railway authorised, at a cost of £17,000, the completion of the reconstruction of the Wolverhampton and Bridgworth line between Oxley and Kingswinford Junction, which was begun before the war. Substantial alterations are also to be carried out at Birmingham Station, and Aberystwyth Station is to be reconstructed at a cost of nearly £100,000.

A rat catcher was appointed by London City Corporation at £7 7s a week in spite of one member's objection.

Major-General John Ingle, Preston, aged 88, who fought in the Abyssinian war of 1868, has died suddenly at Plymouth.

The Queen has sent a donation of £100 towards the cost of furnishing the sitting-room of the new nurses' block at Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End.

The Parks Committee of the L.C.C. will consider the appointment of women patrols for the public parks, in response to requests from various societies and a number of parents.

The funeral of Mrs. Lohr (Miss Kate Bishop, mother of Miss Marie Lohr) took place at Brompton Cemetery. It was her wish that no women should attend her funeral.

The Italian motor-driver Lamprino was killed in the Funtal Valley, says a Geneva message, while practising for the race which is being organised by the Swiss Automobile Club.

In view of the great increase of motor-omnibus traffic in the Potteries district, the Watch Committee at Stoke-on-Trent suspended the issue of licences until July 31, where all those in force expire and the whole situation will be reviewed.

The Indian mail str. "China," which arrived at Plymouth, reported passing in the Bay of Biscay the P. & O. liner "Moldavia" with engine trouble, proceeding to London.

The Home Secretary stated in Parliament that there was no intention of limiting the number of omnibuses to be put on the streets of London. The omnibuses licensed to new companies did not exceed 100.

A verdict of Wilful Murder was returned against Mary Dorothea McConnell, 33, at the inquest at Maidenhead on her six-weeks-old baby whose body had been made into a parcel and posted to an address in Ireland.

It is announced by the Governor of Constantinople that the prohibition decree for Turkey, which has been postponed several times since its issue on April 5, will come into force, but 100 establishments will be open for use by Allied troops.

On a charge of assaulting Mrs. Dorcas Greenwood, 72, a widow, with intent to rob her, Henry William Adams, 26, who was said to have declared that he was down and out and about to lose the dole, was at Aldershot committed for trial.

A Bill to abolish State management of the liquor trade in certain districts under the Licensing Act 1921 and providing for the disposal of any State property held under that Act has been introduced into the House of Commons by Sir Arthur Holbrook.

The first of a new type of British Fokker monoplane fitted with a single Rolls-Royce engine arrived on the Daimler Airway from Amsterdam at the London Air Station with five passengers and nearly half a ton of freight, including some chickens.

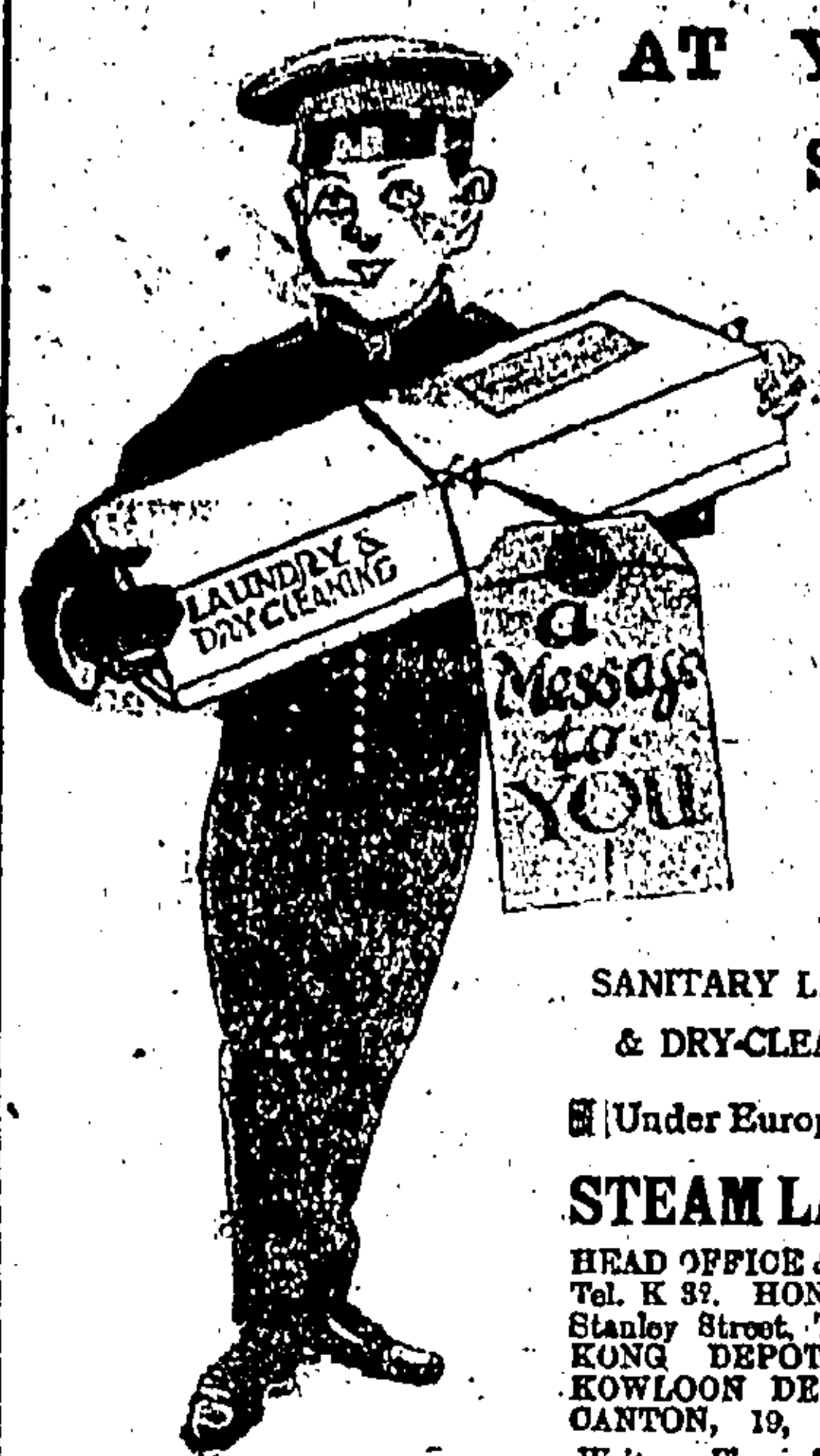
Celebration on Saturday, June 23, of the Salvation Army's fifty-eighth anniversary was marked by a march of four detachments of 1,000 Salvationists each from the four quarters of London to Trafalgar-square for a meeting under the direction of General Booth at 4.30 p.m.

The Albert Medal of the Society of Arts has been awarded to Major-General Sir David Bruce and to Colonel Sir Ronald Ross in recognition of the eminent services they have rendered to the economic development of the world by their achievements in biological research and the study of tropical diseases.

An elderly grey-haired man, Henry Wakeford, at Aldershot Police Court made a dramatic appeal on behalf of his son, for whose arrest he had obtained a warrant on a charge of stealing £70. "My boy has come back to me and he has promised never to do wrong again," Mr. Wakeford told the Bench. "He was dusting some Bibles I intended sending to St. Dunstan's Home, when the bank-notes fell from between the leaves. Then he yielded to sudden temptation, but he has paid for his lapse, for he was stricken and robbed of the money in London." The son was discharged.

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FAULKNER.—On July 24, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Faulkner, a daughter.

RUSSELL.—On July 24, 1923, at Shanghai, the wife of A. S. Russell of a daughter.

DEATHS.

WILSON.—On July 19, 1923, at Weihaiwei, George Cassie Wilson, late superintendent engineer, Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., in his 74th year.

FLACK.—On July 20, 1923, in London, G. W. Flack, the father of Fred C. Flack. Aged 67. (By cable).

WRIGHT.—On July 24, 1923, suddenly, Rev. Harrison King Wright, in his 47th year.

CARTER-READ.—June 21, at 24, Linden-gardens, W., Amy Elizabeth, wife of Alfred Carter-Read, in 59th year.

MORRISON.—June 20, at a nursing home in London, Jennie, wife of late Dr. George Ernest Morrison, of Peking, aged 34.

DUNMAN.—June 13, Ellen, eldest daughter of late Thomas Dunman, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Police, Straits Settlements, and of Mary Anne Dunman, of Southbourne, Bournemouth.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JULY 30, 1923.

KOWLOON'S "M.P."

It remains to be seen if the suggestion thrown out in our leading article on Saturday—that the time has come when the needs of Kowloon should be represented in living terms by the appointment to the Legislative Council of a member able to do so—will be carried out. If it is a matter of precedent, then the sooner precedent is killed the better it will be. Precedent has been ignored. Hilberto it has always been the custom to appoint the head of the House of Jardine to a seat on the Legislative Council. The custom dates from

time immemorial but was dropped when Mr. John Johnstone, the then head of Jardine's left the Colony. Why Mr. Johnstone's successor at Jardine's was not appointed is a matter of conjecture. Mr. G. M. Bernard, so far as we know, possesses qualities of head and heart which fit him admirably for a seat on the Council. It was not on the score of ability that he was not appointed. We can only imagine that he was made to "suffer" for the "sins" of his predecessor who possessed the delightful accomplishment of saying what was in his mind. We remember a delightful little thrust at the Government's up-to-dateness made just before he ceased to function as an Hon. Member. It was at our well-behaved Fire Brigade, the most perfect of all our perfect Government concerns which in all the panoply of its trappings, set out one day at full strength to quell a fire at Repulse Bay—in a mat-shed! We do not know what arguments there are against Kowloon having its own representative. If it is suggested that there is no-one living in Kowloon willing and able to fill such a position we repudiate it immediately. A democratic appointment could easily be made which would please Kowloon and make it evident that whilst the Government is willing that the voice of the place should be heard when matters of education are in the air, it is also willing that larger matters affecting Kowloon more vitally should have its spokesman. If precedent must be maintained and the suggestion we have made cannot on that account be carried out, is there any reason why the Council should not be enlarged and the matter bridged that way? It will be something gained if we have assurance that the question of this special representation has been laid, or will have consideration shown it. The civic and social spirit of many people in the Colony is often stifled at its birth by the idea that no new blood anywhere is needed and if one turns to the list of names comprising Committees, Boards of Directors, etc., it will be seen that there is some justification for the idea which prevails.

Nailing Rumours.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good," the old saying goes. The typhoon, although it wrought considerable damage, held up business besides, and caused discomfort to local residents, also brought along in its wake some heavy rains. Hongkong will welcome this generous addition to our water supply—none more than the Chinese. The restrictions in the rider-main districts have been in force for about a year and most of the Chinese have almost given up hope of ever seeing normal conditions again. Mention has been made in the *China Mail* of the unfounded belief held by the uneducated Chinese that the authorities are prolonging the restrictions until the public consents to meters being installed in the rider-main districts. This has been denied by the Water Authority but as a rule the Chinese are difficult to convince. They will only be satisfied that no such installation is intended when they get an unrestricted supply from their taps. An announcement that the present restrictions have been removed will also dispose of the rumour circulated last year that there was a hole in the bottom of the Tiantuk reservoir through which the water leaked away.

Painting the Lily.

Though future generations will no doubt feel as free to criticise its architecture as present day Londoners do to discuss the demerits of the Albert Memorial, the Whitehall Cenotaph has been accepted as a worthy memorial, noble in its simplicity, to those to whom it represents an Empire's tribute. There are, however, some people at Home who seem not to be content to let well alone. The latest proposal to ornament from what one may call without disrespect the "brighter cenotaph" movement is that the monument should be illuminated with electric lights. There seems to be a good deal of confusion as to precisely what kind of spectacular effect is aimed at but the suggestion has little, if anything, to be said in its favour on artistic grounds and much to be said on the ground of sentiment against it. Fortunately though Hongkong's cenotaph is at present an exact replica of the Whitehall one we will not feel obliged to follow any painting of the lily that may be considered necessary in London. Our own memorial so far has remained as virgin as when first unveiled except for the small vase of fresh flowers put there each day by the ex-active servicemen and this strikes one as being sufficient adornment.

To-day's Poem.

(To My Boy.)

Thou of the almond eyes!
Reverber in chronic lies
(Think not that I despise
If I abuse thee)
List, while I sing thy praise,
For, since I pass my days
Near thee, thy playful ways
Only amuse me.

What if thou yearly try
Make me believe that thy
Mother "have makes die,
Leaving thee orphan?
Take thy week's leave and go!
Knowing that I will know
Mothers don't perish so
Annually—often.

What if my monthly bills
Come, like all worldly ills,
Not singly, as do pills,
But in battalions;
Bere thou hadst learnt to stand
Squeezers took thee in hand,
Taught by Confucius and
Other rapscallions.

What if my under-clothes,
Silken and woolen hose,
Thy graceless limbs enclose
Winter and autumn?
Let it be understood
They're for our common good,
I knew that matters stood
Thus, when I bought 'em.

What if I am aware
That in thy pantry lair
Water's uncommon rare,
Washing's a bother—
Useless to sally forth,
Captured, with righteous wrath,
That ancient scrubbing cloth—
Thou hast another.

If, 'neath my very eye,
Like clouds in summer sky,
My best cheroots should fly
Will I prevent it?
No; boy, go on and steal.
'Tis I, not thou, who feel
Foolish, when I appeal,
Or would resent it.

No; go thy saga-taught way,
I, thine elected prey,
Will not thy right grieve,
Nor thy joy part.
Each seek the other's gaze,
Soite of thy frequent gaze,
Thou dost thy best to please,
Here's to thee, varlet!

From "Lays and Belays" by
Tung Chia (O. P. Bland).

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

July 30.—Coronet Theatre:
Hunting Big Game in Africa.
July 30.—World Theatre: Bobo
Daniels in "Ducks and Drakes."
July 30.—Star Theatre: Monty
Blue and Lila Lee in "Rustling A
Bride."

August 1.—World Theatre:
"The Carnival" with Matheson
Lung.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

August 7.—Lammert Bros., at
Kingsclere Hall, 2.45 p.m., a
quantity of fine furniture and
linen.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Reuter message from Buenos
Ayres states that the discovery of
an important oil-bearing area is re-
ported, in the province of Jujuy.

For the 24 hours ending July
27, one case each of small-pox and
puerperal fever was reported.
Both patients are Chinese.

Another meeting was held at
the Chinese General Chamber of
Commerce this afternoon to discuss
plans for participation in next
year's British Empire Trade Exhi-
bition.

Entries for the Night Fete to
be held in the V.R.C. swimming
pool at 9 p.m. to-morrow are again
satisfactory, and some close con-
tests are expected. There will be
a Challenge Term Race (6 men a
side) between the King's Regt.
and the R.G.A.

Subscriptions are being raised
among the Chinese to hold a
memorial service on the 14th day
of the 7th moon (August 25) for
those who perished in the "Fee
Din Yat" disaster on July 8 when
the launch sank off Connaught
Road West on arrival from Nam
Tau.

As a result of the heavy rains
which fell during the last typhoon,
the kitchen of the Kwang Tung
eating-house at the junction of Peel
and Wellington Streets, collapsed
on Saturday morning. Fortunately,
ly all the jobs were taking their
meal at the time and nobody was
in the kitchen.

The public bathing beaches at
Kennedy Town and North Point
are closed temporarily owing to
typhoon damage but it is hoped
that they will be reopened early this
week. Considerable damage has
been done to the new sea wall in
front of the yacht club and part of
the bowling green has disappeared.

Reuter cables from Chicago
that measures to close, during
August, every refinery in the
central oilfield as a step towards
reducing the surplus of petrol and
crude oil, have been approved by
the group representatives of the
western refiners and American oil
associations.

According to a wireless mes-
sage made available through the
courtesy of the U.S.S. "Helena,"
steamers arriving at the Yangtze
River port, Ichang, from Chungking
report that the American steamer
"Alice Dollar" and British vessel
"Monocacy," were heavily fired on
at Chungking. It is reported that
the "Monocacy" returned fire doing
considerable damage.

While her marriage feast was
being held, a fourteen-year old
Mahomedan girl of Bangalore,
named Nurjan Bibi, committed
suicide by hanging herself. It ap-
pears that the girl objected to the
bridgroom elect on the ground
that he was her first cousin. Her
objection, however, was overruled
by her parents and relatives.
Finding no other means of escape
from her difficulty she bolted her-
self in her room and hanged
herself.

During the period 4th August
to 11th September, last year an
aerial service carrying passengers
and mails between Peking and
Penthiho was maintained by the
Aeronautical Department, leaving
Peking for Penthiho every Friday
evening, and Penthiho for Peking
every Monday morning. The num-
ber of mail articles transmitted
during the period was 170 from
Peking to Penthiho and 230 from
Penthiho to Peking, says the
Chinese Post Office report for 1922.

Excepting a few flood reports
from the low streets in the city,
such as Salkwan and Wongsha, no
serious damage has been done by
the typhoon to life and property in
Canton, it is reported. Telegraph
communication with several of the
cities has been cut owing to many
of the telegraph poles having been
blown down by the typhoon. The
bad weather was also responsible
for the failure of wireless com-
munication; for the main station
there failed to receive replies to
calls sent out to the gunboats and
several of the stations.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN WUCHOW
MISSIONARY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

On Thursday last, there died at
Wuchow one of the oldest Pro-
testant Missionaries at that post.
Mr. Hesse of the Alliance Mis-
sion, who had been in bed for three
weeks, died of Bright's Disease. He
was buried on Friday the 27th.
He lies beside the body of his first
wife far up on the hill where the
Alliance Missionaries reside.
The funeral was attended by all
the foreign community and many
of his Chinese friends.
Mr. Hesse had been 28 years in
Wuchow.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"Lot!" has something con-
vincing to say concerning a certain
"dangerous little culprit."

The inquiry into the capsizing
of the steam launch "Fee Din-yat"
on July 6, is to be resumed to-
morrow at 3 p.m.

Attention is drawn to the an-
nouncement concerning the open-
ing of the Kowloon Hotel on
September 1st next.

Golf in Canada is another of the
many beautiful productions of the
Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd.,
which gives much useful informa-
tion on the Royal and Ancient
game and the opportunities for
indulging it in Canada.

Norman Stephenson, described
as an unemployed engineer with an
address at Empress Lodge, Kow-
loon, did not surrender to his bail of
\$5 this morning on a charge of
being drunk and unable to take care
of himself in Salisbury Road on
Saturday. The Magistrate (Mr.
J. R. Wood) ordered bail to be
estreated.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Reuter cable from Rome
announces the death of Cardinal
Marini.

It is understood that the marriage
of Princess Maud to Lord Carnegie
will not take place before October.

Passengers who arrived to-day
by the s.s. "Empress of Russia,"
included Dean and Mrs. Symons
and Mr. S. Komor.

Captain Palmer, Commodore of
the P. and O., is retiring on the
completion of nearly forty years'
service, including twenty-one in
command.

In a Reuter cable from the Hague
the death is announced of the
international jurist, Professor
Struycken, who was a member of
the State Council.

Passengers who left by the s.s.
"Empress" of Canada on Saturday,
included Mr. and Mrs. C. Boyd,
Mrs. K. E. Greig, Mrs. D. J. Lewis,
Mr. C. F. Pratt, and Mr. P. D.
Sutherland.

The Prince Consort of Holland is
the first member of a Royal family
to climb Scawfell, the highest point
in England which is 3,000 feet
above sea level, cables Reuter. The
Queen and Princess Juliana ascended
part of the way.

Cabling from New York, Reuter
reports that a message from the
presidential train, which is at pre-
sent en route for Yosemite, states
that President Harding is in bed
suffering from pneumonia poisoning.
Later advices from San Francisco
state that President Harding has
arrived there. His condition has
improved and the doctors say that
two days will restore him to normal
health.

The death is reported at Tientsin
of Captain A. J. Philbey, installa-
tion manager of the Tokong branch
of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Tien-
tsin, a very familiar figure on the
China Coast. Capt. Philbey came to
China about 1900 as an officer on one
Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's ships,
and he became very well known as
a night pilot between Shanghai and
Ningpo on the old "Peking." He
left that firm some five years later
to take up piloting at Ningpo, and
about six years ago he joined the
A.P.C., going straight to Tientsin,
where he had been ever since. He
leaves a widow but no children.

Mr. E. J. Banfield, naturalist and
author of "Confessions of a Beach-
comber," and other books, died last
month at the age of 70 at Dunk
Island, off the coast of Queensland,
where he had been living alone
with his wife for twenty years.
The crew of the steamer "Innifall,"
passing the island, saw a woman
waving on the beach. A boat was
landed and Mrs. Banfield was
found to be the only inhabitant of
the island. Her husband
was dead. The crew made a coffin
out of ship's timber and the Chief
Officer read the burial service.
Mrs. Banfield refused to leave the
island, and the captain called for
volunteers to stay with her. Every
man offered, and the captain select-
ed one to remain.

STADIUM.

WHAT THE COLONY REALLY
NEEDS.

(Specially Contributed.)

The stadium has come down to us
from the early Greeks, who held
their big sports at Olympia, now
reputed to be the site of the city of
Athens. In recognition of the
prowess of the Greeks of centuries
ago the first modern World's
Olympic was held at Athens in 1896
in the old stadium. To the Greeks
of old the stadium meant an en-
closure for foot-racing and athletic
feats with tiers of seats cut in
around the hills forming a natural
amphitheatre. The stadium was
not used as a training ground but
was only used for special events
such as the Olympics. This same
thing is generally true of university
stadiums of to-day. The Greek
youth of old no doubt experienced
the thrill of his life, after his years
of faithful training, to enter the
stadium as a competitor for the
olive branch, for a yoke of oxen or
a fair damsel. The same thrill
comes over the athlete of to-day
when he enters the stadium as a
member of his college or university
team. The very word itself, to the
modern youth, causes a feeling of
reverence for the athletic heroes of
the past and present.

MODERN IDEA.

The modern idea of a stadium is
one of a distinct type of structure.
In the athletic world, two distinct
types of structure stand out. One,
the "U" shaped (open at one end) or
the "stadium" type, the other, the
complete enclosure or "bowl" type.
Both of these types are widely used
to-day. Of the "stadium" type, the
most widely known structures are
the Pershing Stadium near Paris,
the Harvard Stadium in Cambridge,
the Wembley Stadium near Lon-
don, the Yankee Baseball Stadium
in New York, and the old stadium
at Athens. Of the "bowl" type,
the Yale Bowl in New Haven is
the most outstanding example.
The city of Osaka, Japan built a
stadium for the Sixth Far Eastern
Games held last May. Manila
plans to have a Memorial Stadium
for the Seventh Far Eastern Games
in 1925. A movement is on foot to
build a Chinese National Stadium
in Shanghai.

A fair, modern definition for a
stadium would be, a permanent
"U" shaped structure enclosing an
area of land which is used for
athletics and games.

OTHER STADIUMS.

Before we consider whether or
not Hongkong should have a
stadium, let us examine a few of
the other stadiums in existence.
(1) The Pershing Stadium is 200
metres along the sides, over 150
metres at the closed end of the U
and about 40 feet high. It has a
perimeter of 2,100 feet and a 500
metre cinder-track around the en-
closure. It has permanent seats for
25,000 spectators and cost
600,000 francs. (2) The Venable
Stadium in Baltimore seats 40,000,
is 40 feet high, 340 feet wide, 600
feet long, and cost \$325,000.00.
(3) The Yankee Baseball Stadium
seats 75,000 persons and cost a
million gold dollars. It is the largest
stadium in the world. (4) The
Municipal Stadium in Tacoma,
Wash., seats 40,000 persons,
is 390 feet wide, 400 feet long and
about 40 feet high. (5) The Osaka
Stadium seats 35,000 persons, is
42 feet high, 150 metres wide, 200
metres long, and cost over 600,000
Yen.

HONGKONG'S NEEDS.

Has Hongkong any use for a
stadium? One merely has to watch
the various school sports being held
there to see the need for such a
place. There should be some place where
track and field sports could be run
off properly. We are badly in need
of a cinder track, jumping pits,
etc., so that our athletes can have
a proper place to train and compete.
We cannot produce champion
athletes when they have to run on
a turf course or jump without pro-
per pits. It is ridiculous that there
have not been more injuries. All
modern stadiums are built of con-
crete and steel and each has a
circular cinder track and pits for
jumping besides the various pitches
for games. The Yankee Stadium
was built solely for baseball but it
would not be a monument to
athletics without a track, so a 400
yards track was put in which divides
the outfield of the baseball diamond.

MANY ADVANTAGES.
Hongkong needs a permanent
structure of some sort for athletics
and games. The "stadium" type
has been popular because of better
air circulation, the possibility of a
long straight-away for running, and
its adaptability to all kinds of
athletic sports. We cannot hope to
build one large enough for three
football pitches, tennis, baseball,
lawn bowls and what not. In the
lawn bowls and what not. In the
first place the seating capacity for
one of that size would be over 60,000
and the expense well into the mil-
lions. Hongkong has no need for
a structure seating more than
15,000. However, anyone who has
watched the football games in
Happy Valley realizes that the

LUCKY WINNERS.

PROGRAMMES WORTH FIVE
DOLLARS.

The holders of programmes
whose numbers are given below
are entitled to coupons of the value
of \$5 each, which may be exchang-
ed for goods of a like value with
any of the advertisers in the *China
Mail*.

Star Theatre—Programme No.
43 dated July 27 and 28.

Coronet Theatre—Programme
No. 314 dated July 25 to 27.

World Theatre—Programme
No. 723 dated July 25 to 28.

Programmes should be sent to
the *China Mail* office when coupons
will be promptly issued.

KOWLOON HOTEL.

NEW 6-STORY BUILDING'S
ATTRACTIVE.

The Kowloon Hotel, in Hankow
Road, Kowloon, is now comple-
tion and will be ready for occupa-
tion on September 1. The main
entrance is from Hankow Road. A
spacious dining room is to the left
and a bar and billiard room to the
right of the main entrance with
another entrance to the bar from
the northern wing of the building.
The hotel offices are on the same
floor, with the kitchens and ser-
vants' quarters in the basement at
the back.

The building is six storeys high
with a roof garden, which should
prove an attraction in fine weath-
er. There are altogether 84
separate bedrooms, some of which
could be utilized as bed-sitting-
rooms with advantage. Bathrooms
with hot and cold water and flush
closets are installed on each floor,
and are within easy reach of the
bedrooms. Connections for electric
fans are in each bedroom, while
ceiling-fans will be placed in the
dining-room.

The building was designed by
Mr. J. Caer Clark and erected by
Messrs. Tung Wah & Co. The
services of Mrs. J. J. Blake, of the
Wyndham Hotel, have been secured
as managers, so guests can rely
on being well catered for. Pro-
vided the rates are reasonable, the
new hotel should prove a boon to
residents of moderate means and
also to travellers.

spectators should be seated apart
from the playing space. Where
spectators are allowed the sit along
the side lines, trouble is bound to
arise from it. It would be a great
sight to see the crowds that flock
to Happy Valley during football and
baseball seasons, all seated com-
fortably and orderly in stands rather
than all this pushing, squeezing and
cramming of necks from bedboards
at ten cents each.

For a site for a stadium that
would cause the least friction
among clubs, I would suggest it
be placed in the upper part of
Happy Valley in such a posi-
tion that the open part of the
U faces Morrison Hill. One of
the long sides could follow the
path along the Hongkong Football
Club grounds, the closed end of the
U to cover the place now occupied
by the marshes of the Hongkong
Football Club, the United Club
and the baseball grounds. The
Oraigower Club grounds. It
could turn and follow along the
edge of the Oraigower Club
ground and the grounds for
naval officers up to the edge of
the lawn boys' reservation. This
arrangement would deprive the
Football Club of a practice or
permanent grounds but it would
be much easier to find them a new
practice grounds than a better place
for a stadium.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

A stadium in that place would
not interfere with the Race Course,
lawn bowls, tennis, etc., grounds
of the clubs in that locality. It
could be used for special weekly
events or scheduled daily to differ-
ent clubs. It could contain a cir-
cular cinder track, jumping pits,
football and cricket pitches, a basket
ball court and perhaps some play-
ground apparatus at the open end
of the U for all children. Other
things could be added which would
not interfere with the central play-
ing area. All posts could be of the
detachable kind and the grounds
made available for most any game
or special event. Baseball could be
played in it during the summer
time.

The Osaka Stadium, the Venable
Stadium, and the Tacoma Stadium
were all put up by the municipality.
No Club in Hongkong can attempt
such a project single handed but the
Hongkong Government might do it
and dedicate it as a monument to
athletics in Hongkong and the Far
East.

—A. E. D.

TYPHOON TRAGEDY.

YOUNG EUROPEAN
LADY'S DEATH.

BODY FOUND IN HARBOUR.

CAUSE OF HER DEATH STILL
A MYSTERY.

Having learned this morning that Miss E. A. Card, confidential secretary employed by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, had disappeared during last week's severe typhoon weather, the European community will be further shocked to learn that she is dead, her body having been discovered near the P. & O. pier by an Indian constable. Miss Card had been absent from her room since half past eleven on Friday night.

Miss Card, who is an English lady, came from Vancouver about two years ago to join Messrs. Butterfield & Swire. She was highly respected by her employers and was very popular at the "Kingsclere." Little is known of the circumstances leading to her death beyond the fact that she left the hotel on Friday night in typhoon weather, wearing a water-proof and with a shawl wrapped round her head. She is said to have remarked to the night watchman that she was going out for a walk. Immediately her prolonged absence was noticed inquiries were set afoot. Search parties were organised by "Kingsclere" residents and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire. These scoured the island up to a late hour last night. A report was laid with the police, but it was not until this morning that the mystery was partially cleared up by the finding of her body in the harbour.

Miss Card was apparently in good health at the time of her leaving the hotel. It was first supposed that she had met with an accident but even the finding of her body has not solved the cause of her death.

Dr. Minett, the medical officer in charge of the Public Mortuary, beyond saying that the body was in a highly decomposed state and that death was due to drowning, gave no reason when speaking to a *China Mail* reporter this morning. Asked if it was possible that Miss Card—according to one theory—could have fallen into a nullah and then have been carried into the harbour by the torrents from the heavy rains, Dr. Minett said it was possible as the head was more decomposed than the other parts of the body. However, this might also be attributed to continual bumping against the supports of the pier while in the rough sea.

The advanced state of decomposition makes identification difficult, but there is little doubt, as the water-proof was still on the body when found by the Indian constable.

Later inquiries reveal that a purse was found in Miss Card's pocket containing \$1.20 and a letter which had no relevance to her death.

An inquiry will be held into her death. The hearing has been fixed for Thursday, August 2.

WATER SUPPLY.

HOW THE TYPHOON HAS
HELPED.

RIDER MAIN RESTRICTIONS.

"We cannot think of a full supply of water in the rider-mains for the moment," was the statement made at the Water Authority's Office this morning to a *China Mail* representative. "We are not yet as well off for water as at the end of last season and there is no guarantee that last year's figure will be reached in September, as it is a doubtful month. We got too close to the mud in June and should not be justified in taking another such risk." However, if we get another ten inches of rain on the top of the last few days' fall, the situation will be more hopeful.

STORAGE AND RAINFALL.

Up to 6 a.m. to-day 16.72 inches of rain have fallen, against an average of 13.78 during the past 38 years. At Taitamuk the fall was 15.04, at Taitamuk 17.44 and at Pokfulam 16.80. During the whole of May the rainfall was barely 3 inches against an average of over 12.

At 6.30 this morning, the total storage in the Hongkong reservoirs was 1044.41 against 804.08 million gallons on July 30 last year. On June 1 the storage was 350.41 million gallons, the minimum point touched this year. On September 28 last year, the day the maximum was touched, the figures were 1480.97 million gallons, which proved none too high by the figures for June 1 this year.

The water in the Kowloon reservoir, at 6.30 this morning was within 18 inches of the overflow mark, the quantity being 337 million gallons. "The reservoir is certain to overflow during the day," said the Water Authority.

CHINA'S DISUNITY.

PROPOSED ROUND-TABLE
CONFERENCE.SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S
PLAN.PRESIDENT LI YUAN-HUNG
APPROVES.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, who has been actively endeavouring to arrange a round-table conference of China's leaders with a view to securing unity, sends the following letter to the *China Mail*.

Sir—I am communicating the fact to you, for publication if you think fit, that President Li Yuan-hung has been pleased to convey to me an expression of his approval of the round table Conference, I recently suggested, of the principal leaders in China. President Li has already in his mind's eye the name of at least one delegate who will be appointed his nominee to the Conference.

I hope the enquiries I have already addressed in other quarters may receive the same encouraging replies given to those simultaneously communicated to Generalissimo Dr. Sun Yat-sen and President Li Yuan-hung.

I am, Yours faithfully,
R. HO TUNG.

Sir Robert Ho Tung is confident that once the leaders get together for a round-table conference half the battle for achieving unity has been won. Without making any definite request, he would like the conference to be held in Hongkong, firstly because the Colony is neutral and secondly because the spade work will have been done by a Hongkong man.

THE TYPHOON.

Oh, batter my windows, blow and blow,
Ye winds from over the seas!
To-night I'm snug—where e'er you go
Encouched at home with Ease.

But when you shake and rattle the pane,
And tear at my roof and door,
And bring to your aid my old friend rain,
I know that we've met before.

Last year when you tore my sails away,
And left me to wallow the sea;
You gave me the thrill I feel to-day,
To stir up the soul in me!

But where O, vagrant, have you been,
Thru all the seasons round?
What have you shattered and torn since then?
What ships have you cast aground?

And why do I love your fiery teeth,
That hiss and spit in the gale?
Is it because my soul you greet
With something that will not quail?

Something that's left of primitive man,
As handed down to me?
Something of battle which never can
From brute in men be free?

Why do you rise and fall and lash and flay,
And shake and writhe and roll?
Why more ugly at night than day,
And why do you take such toll?

Perchance you're akin to man and beast,
From North and South and West;
And others who sing when you come from the East,
The songs from deep in the breast!

Songs that we sing but when you blow,
Songs that are wild and free;
Songs of a life lived long ago,
Songs for a man of the sea!

JOHN KYOTO.

July 1923.

"TOOTH FEAST"

ROBBERS CHOOSE THEIR
DAY.

About 9 o'clock last night, four robbers entered No. 66 Wuhu Street, which is occupied by a roast-pork dealer. Two revolvers and one dagger were produced to intimidate the inmates who were overpowered without resistance. After getting the key of the safe from the master, the miscreants removed \$600 and decamped safely.

Yesterday was the 16th day of the moon and this may have had some bearing on the robbery. The 2nd and 16th of each moon is the *Tooth Feast*, on which the master of every shop must provide his employees with a special evening meal which must include boiled chicken and roast-pork. Naturally, purveyors of the Charles Lamb delicacy have a larger turnover on these days and yesterday being one of them, the robbers must have expected a larger sum than is usually in the safe.

V.R.C.

WATER POLO CONTEST.

On Friday next at 9 p.m., the Hongkong Water Polo Shield Competition will commence in the swimming pool at the Victoria Recreation Club. Two matches will be played—V.R.C. (B) vs. King's Regt. (B) and R.G.A. (B) vs. V.R.C. (A).

Members of the general public will be given an opportunity to witness the games by payment of 20 cts. admission fee.

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Questioned by a *China Mail* reporter on Saturday, the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher C.M.G., C.B.E.) said the Government intended to make the appointment as soon as an officer was available.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. s.s. "Teleosia" left Port Said on July 23 for London, Rotterdam and Dunkirk.

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Mr. M. M. Watson, solicitor for the plaintiff, argued that though it seemed rather hard that the sub-tenant had to pay \$77, when the lessee had only to pay \$37 a month, the rent the lessee charged was the standard rent under the Ordinance.

Mr. M. K. Lo (for the defence) submitted that if the circumstances were not in conflict with the Ordinance they were obviously against the principles of the Ordinance.

In delivering judgment his Lordship said: The facts of the case, which are quite short, have been agreed between the parties. The plaintiff is tenant of the ground floor of 13A, Peel Street. The standard rent of that floor is \$37 per month. In about the third month this year a portion of the floor was sub-let to the defendant at a rent of \$77 per month. It is agreed that the ground floor and also the portion of that floor now sub-let to the defendant was its first letting.

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The plaintiff contends that it is. If I hold that \$77 is not the standard rent, I am asked to fix the standard rent.

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A claim similar to that of the plaintiff in this action was made in England in 1920, in the case of Woodward v. Samuels—reported in 122 Law Times Reports, p. 681. The County Court Judge held that the standard rent of a flat was the rent at which it was first let. The Divisional Court pointed out the difficulties of the question, but finally concluded that the case was met by section 2 (3) of the Act of 1915, and that to arrive at the standard rent of the flat it was necessary to apportion the standard rent of the entire house.

I share the difficulty felt by the learned Judges at Home, but I have no corresponding section in our Ordinance to assist me. It is agreed that there is in our law no general power to apportion. Our section 5 (1) is not the equivalent of the English section—it has a very limited application.

The case was exhaustively argued and many decisions were cited for the defendant. But they turn on other circumstances and a different law, and I can get no material assistance from them. On the whole, I think that the plaintiff is right and that the standard rent of this portion is the rent at which it was first let, that is, \$77. There must be judgment for the plaintiff, with costs, which, I agree, should, in view of the importance of the case, be of the third scale.

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HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.

MORE PRIMAVERA HOPES.

No important change has occurred in the general trade of the Colony since the week-end. The hope that the resumption of traffic on the West River would lead to a complete revival of trade with the interior has proved to be premature, as Kwangsi troops are causing unrest in the country beyond Wuchow.

METALS.

As predicted some days ago, the numerous orders for Wire Nails have caused a slump in the market. None of the goods intended for have arrived yet but the Chinese dealers are already trying to dispose of their stock at a small loss. This morning, home prices receded and local quotations went down in sympathy. However, one or two dealers, in an endeavour to keep up prices, placed orders for further lots, business being reported at \$9.90 per picul keg for 330 usual assortment Wire Nails, ex-Godown in Hongkong, arrival in three to five months. Little business has been done in local stocks.

Galvanised Wire.—Indents were placed for small quantities of Nos. 14 to 17 gauge at \$11.40 per picul. Tinplates.—This was practically the only commodity in which local business was done during the last three days. Belated orders for goods for fruit canning in the interior towns were placed at prices which were considered favourable. Dealers state that only about half what was used in previous years by the canning industry has been bought and that further orders will come in if conditions improve as the fruit harvests so far have been excellent.

PIECEGOODS.

Orders are still being accepted by European importers for lawns to arrive in time for next spring. To date, the volume of business is less than that for last year but prices, on the whole, have been slightly higher. Exchange will make a large difference to the Chinese dealers who must sell at a higher price.

GUNNIES.

It is reported that there have been heavy bookings in gunnies owing to improvement in the market. We hope to give full particulars to-morrow.

SUGAR.

There is no change to report. Generally speaking, the market is dull. Arrivals of new crop have been fewer. The rumour that a Japanese firm was offering Java sugar on the local market has turned out to be incorrect.

FLOUR.

Although buyers seem to be reticent a firm tone still prevails in the flour market. Everybody is marking time to see how the American market will move. Exchange has had the effect of sending prices up in the ratio that it has come down.

RICE.

A steady stream of small buyers for the West River has maintained prices but no further rises have taken place.

WEST RIVER TRADE.

Little live-stock or produce came down from Wuchow during the week end. Chickens, on Sunday were sold wholesale at \$1.12 per lb. while the price of ducks was 60 cents per lb. This, dealers say, is due to the Kwangsi troops interfering with commerce above Wuchow. After being expelled by Sun Yat-sen's troops, they entered their native province and are now spreading over the fertile districts above Wuchow. In an endeavour to seize all they can, they are terrorising the people who dread them more than they do the robbers.

Importers of manufactured goods have had to store their merchandise in Wuchow as there is no opportunity to send it on inland towns. The majority of their agents, acting on previous instructions to ship up cargo as soon as possible, have now been advised to wait. And so it seems as if the long-looked-for reopening of trade is just as far off since the rich province of Kwangsi cannot be tapped.

PROBST HANBURY & CO.

EASTERN COMPANY'S PROFITS.

LONDON, July 28. The profits of Probst Hanbury & Co., Ltd., for the year amounted to £50,000, of which £30,668 was trading profit. The capital reorganisation scheme preferred ordinary shares.—Reuter provides for the issue of £52,000.

IN ICEHOUSE STREET.

Icehouse Street was busy to-day with the July settlement which had to be postponed on Friday owing to the typhoon weather. There was a fairly heavy settlement in Coments but no serious hitch, beyond a little delay in the delivery of the shares.

MANILA FLOUR PRICES.

In their last report, Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co., Ltd., of Manila, quote:—
"Sperry Special" P14.40
"Sperry Baker's" 14.00
"Mandarin" 13.75
Pancake flour or Blueberry 11.40
cut-off brands 11.40
Club straight or Export grade 11.40
(Per barrel ex-ship.)

HOME REPORT.

Messrs. Morrean & Spiegelberg of Manchester, report under date June 27:—
Cotton.—On the whole the market has undergone a very quiet session with trading conditions about as limited as could be. Quotations are slightly easier since our last report.
Liverpool prices.
American P.M.

Spok, July, Aug. Sept.
Yesterday 16.40-14.04 14.47 14.08
June-43.. 17.28 15.59 15.11 14.47
Egyptian Sekellariis.

Spok, July, Aug. Sept.
Yesterday 16.30 15.11 15.21 15.30
June 13.. 16.50 15.70 15.80 15.90
Yarns.—American are a trifle steadier, but sellers have not made much progress. Egyptian are firm with a small trade.

Cloth.—Evidence of need for Lancashire staples continues to come forward from most markets, but one may reasonably doubt the genuineness of the demand in view of the unwillingness of buyers to come near to cost. As a matter of fact, there are numbers of offers for China, but almost all of them are too low, and many manufacturers will not face the loss which their acceptance would involve.

Reports from India are to the effect that the monsoon is weak, but in spite of this Calcutta dealers are more optimistic as to the early future. Murrings were expected to recommence about the middle of this month, and these should stimulate up country trade.

Java and Singapore have inquiry out for a variety of styles, but not for any heavy bulk.

Dresses are spoken of for the Levant, coloured shirtings for Egypt, and grey for Mauritius.

Continental business is checked by the weakness of Central European currencies, and for the Home markets only hand to mouth buying is in progress.

SHANGHAI REPORT.

Business in general has been rather slow again during the past week, but this is said solely to be due to the abnormally wet weather. Most of the people in the districts surrounding Shanghai over a very large area, just now mainly are concerned in saving themselves from drowning, says the N.C. Daily News. In many parts they can only live in the upper stories of the higher houses and travel is practically impossible. Naturally, therefore, there has been a dearth of both orders and inquiries. Evidence that the rain alone is responsible for the slackening of the demand is afforded by the fact that, after there had been three dry days, orders began to come in again, only to cease once more—when another rainstorm broke.

PIECE GOODS.

This market has suffered more than any through the wet weather. Very little new business has been reported and things have been very slack all round. Greys have eased off a little more. The Manchester market is reported to be very steady.

JAPAN MATCHES.

During June 27,362 cases of matches were exported. Of these Kobe contributed 26,335, Osaka 924, Nagoya 53, and Ujima 50. The total is 224 cases less than for May and falls short of the figure for the corresponding period of last year by 2,490.

WORLD THEATRE.

BEBE DANIELS IN THE SCREEN.

A naughty girl who would flirt, a worried guardian who had to get the naughty girl married and settled down, a fiancé who realized that he had to cure the girl of flirting before he married her, and a plot blood-curdling enough to cure any girl of anything, these are the ingredients of Bebe Daniels' newest comedy, "Ducks and Drakes," the peppiest, funniest, funniest picture in which this dashing star has ever been seen. Another fine comedy, "All aboard," closes the programme for the week-end.

"CHARVARIA."

SATURDAY TO MONDAY FEELING.

(Specially Contributed.)

The cancellation of so many social and sports engagements during the week was, our Educated Comp. informs us, entirely due to the Bath weather.

Revellers have had the excuse of their lives.

The suggestion which has frequently been made that there should be a Golf Club open to all has our fullest support. We have always maintained that the present club is a bit too "Cleecky."

Signor Mussolini we learn, has attended a Bull fight. He was probably on the horns of a dilemma.

"Arresting skirts" says a fashion paper. To be worn by women police we presume.

A man in England has been charged with abducting his wife. Wanted a new lease of wife evidently.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells says that a man who puts a shilling on a horse is not necessarily a confirmed gambler. A confirmed optimist would probably be the better description.

Kowloon has too many flats, says a correspondent. He does not make it clear which kind he means.

Another correspondent writes: "I have just heard a cuckoo sing a minor third from G, flat down to E, flat. This is wrong." Not so wrong as the woman who sings from her flat down to ours.

"I want to see the British Empire take the lead in air development," says Sir S. Hoare. At present, America leads in the "hot air department."

No woman who knows how to flirt is really plain we are informed. Obviously, not on the face of it.

"There's one thing I can do," said the bull-frog, "and that is croak." But nothing ever came of it. Those concerned please note.

So far there has been no reduction in the wages of Sin.

Music in Museums is the latest suggestion. A proper place for some music, we have heard recently.

"What girls want are rights, not privileges," says a certain lady. Most of those who stick out for their rights usually get left.

Signor Mussolini turns out to have a place alongside Disraeli and M. Clemenceau as one of those Prime Ministers who are confessed producers of fiction. We can now understand certain speeches.

A novel written by a Mussolini thirteen years ago is to be adapted for the films. A moving-air evidently.

A reader of our "Literary Lobby" says he likes to have a big dictionary about the house. It settles many a dispute and converts an ordinary chair into a high one.

A wise woman is one who has a great deal to say and remains silent. If this is true then we regretfully have to state there are no wise women in the Colony. Some husbands we know give their wives kisses by the bushel. Others only give a "peck."

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM.

SEVERAL PAKHOI HOUSES DAMAGED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKHOI, July 24. A severe thunderstorm with strong wind and much rain was experienced last night. The German mission residence was struck by lightning and one Chinese girl was killed. Fire broke out which at first threatened the whole building. The Church Missionary Society and several Chinese buildings also sustained damage.

IMPENDING TROUBLE.

Exciting times are expected. Kwangsi and other troops are opposing General Wong Ming-tung at Lin Chow City and it is reported that a gunboat and several junks with soldiers are coming from Hoihow. If true, Sun Yat-sen's sympathisers will be attacked on two sides. The people of Lin Chow and Pakhoi that can afford it have already fled to the consulates, hospitals, business, and mission compounds for protection.

CHINA'S POST OFFICE.

HANDLING OVER 400,000,000 LETTERS.

REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

The high hopes entertained at the close of 1921 of the results of the following year's working were not entirely realised in 1922, says the annual report issued by the Director-General of Posts, Shanghai. The state of the country being generally unpropitious for postal expansion the thought and effort so fully expended in recent years upon inland extension and local mail ameliorations have this year been turned in large measure to the improvement of staff conditions. The abnormal and growing increase in the prices of commodities and the wages of labour has necessitated revisions of pay for employees of all classes upon an almost unprecedented scale. Steps have also been taken to reduce the working hours of the sorting and delivering staff who in the past have had to labour for longer hours than are generally prescribed in other government departments. This has necessitated an increase of personnel quite apart from the additional requirements under this heading to meet the augmented business anticipated as a result of the closing of the foreign Postal Agencies. A generous scheme of superannuation, too, has been introduced for the subsidiary grades, giving them the comfortable hope of an old age free from pecuniary anxieties.

These measures combined with the decline in the value of money and the consequent rise in the cost of all services have greatly enhanced the establishment charges, so that rigid economy in every other line of postal expenditure has been the keynote of the year. Building projects have been curtailed or abandoned, with exception of the new Shanghai Post Office, the completion of which as soon as possible is imperative, and also such others of minor importance as were already nearing completion. This policy, included with considerable urgency and some anxiety, is accountable for the fact that the balance on the year's working is still on the right side of the account. The additional staff charges, however, have not yet had time to be completely felt; they will be appreciated to the full in future years.

A source of additional revenue was sought in the reversion from 1st November to the old domestic tariff in force during the early years of the Chinese Post Office, and the application of the 15-cent unit for international correspondence as approved by the Madrid Convention, but as the purpose of this alteration of the tariff was misconstrued and the application of the higher rates has not proved practicable, they are being withdrawn from the beginning of the new year.

In keeping with the general economy-scheme there has been a progressive replacement of the more expensive Town Box Offices by Stamp-selling Agencies with pillar-boxes at their doors. The method of taking statistics has been generally amended this year by the omission of all free correspondence—acknowledgments of receipt, money order and trade charge advices, reclamations, bulletins, de verification, and all other strictly official correspondence, so that the results shown might more and more approximate to accuracy in the production of true figures of postage-paying, i.e., revenue-producing, correspondence. Moreover, the statistics of mail matter which in past years were taken both at Sub-Offices and the Controlling Offices have this year been taken only at the Head Offices.

A glance at the general returns of mail matter posted will show that there was good and sufficient reason for the strict enforcement of the policy of economy and retrenchment. It has long been realised that the rate of progression of increase could not, under the old conditions, be maintained from year to year indefinitely, and in the early months it was recognised that 1922 would not be a very favourable year. Decreases of 5½ millions, 9½ millions, and half a million, respectively, in the quantities of ordinary, registered, and express articles posted are shown, as compared with the figures of 1921, representing a total diminution of barely 8½ per cent.—yet, when allowance is made for, roughly, 10 million covers of free, i.e., "On Service," correspondence omitted from the statistics this year, and for the fact that in past years discrimination between the mail matter posted at Sub-Offices and that posted at their Controlling Head Offices has not been so fully insisted upon, the final result probably represents an increase in mail matter handled, but one so small as to be a negligible accession in a turn-over of 400 millions.

The individual district reports will show to what extent the state of the country was reflected in postal work, and the statistical tables will illustrate district developments. Unfortunately for fair and accurate comparison, "delicious" de-

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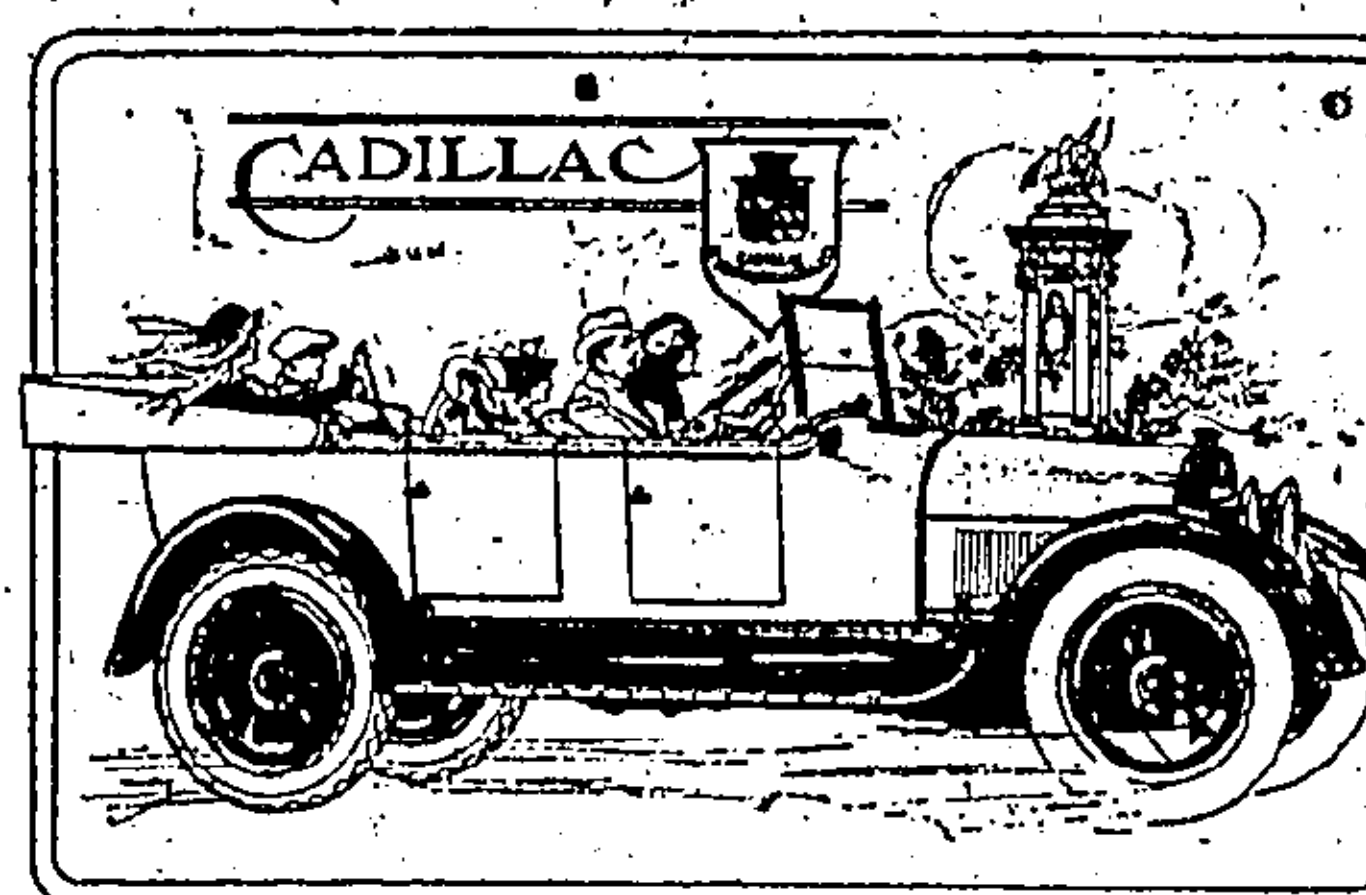
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THE STAR.

"RUSTLING A BRIDE"

The big picture now showing at the Star is "Rustling a Bride," a story of the West. A cowboy carries on a correspondence across the continent with Emily, a girl he has never seen. Emily comes West and then the adventure starts. The cowboy hero, who has sent her a photograph of his handsome friend, instead of his own, finds it no easy matter to square himself, and his task is not made any easier when he gets arrested for horse stealing on the day of his bride's arrival. How everything gets straightened out is a well told story, there being a number of original turns in the plot, which holds the interest from start to finish.

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18.—E. A.	Jawa.
23.—P. & O.	Dongola.
29.—H. I.	Janna.
30.—P. & O.	Soudan.

VANCOUVER, ETC.

Aug. 8.—O.P.S.	Empress of Rus.
11.—N.Y.K.	Iyo Maru.
11.—B. F.	Protodan.
17.—O. S. E.	Africa Maru.
24.—O.P.S.	Empress of Ath.

Nov. 11. — P. & O.	Cable.
Jan. 25. — P. & O.	Macedonia.
Feb. 8. — P. & O.	Kashgar.
22. — P. & O.	Mores.
Mar. 7. — P. & O.	Karmala.
31. — P. & O.	Haldera.



ARRIVALS.

Tientsin.—July 30.
 Lushan Maru, (N.Y.K.) for
 Shanghai, Swatow.—July 30.
 Aizawa Maru, (Suzuki & Co.) for
 Keelung.—July 30.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

SIGNEES' NOTICES.

Goods per s.s. "City of Boston" remaining undelivered after to-day will be subject to rent. Agents—The Bank Line Ltd.

All goods arrived by the s.s. "City of Madras" not cleared after to-morrow will be subject to rent. Agents—The Bank Line Ltd.

All goods per s.s. "Nanovic" remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to rent. Agents—The Bank Line Ltd.

SWAT THE FLY



HOP! HOP! HOP! His name is **FLEA** and who can say from where he has hopped, or on what he has been hopping before? This dangerous little culprit, size for size, is many times stronger than a man—his spring is a hundred times his height, but the danger comes from his hopping and wandering habits amongst filth and disease, making him one of the most formidable enemies to human health ever known. Science blames this miscreant for spreading the worst disease epidemics of the world—from the ravishing plagues of early Egypt to that which breaks out in this town.

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Miss Dorothy Stewart.

Cupid smiled triumphantly when Dr. and Mrs. George David Stewart, announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Miss Dorothy Irving Stewart, to Edward Hope Coffey, Jr. Because Miss Stewart was only twenty and only recently a debutante, her father, who is President of the American Academy of Medicine and a renowned surgeon, told the young couple that there was plenty of time for their marriage and became quite emphatic about it. They thought the matter over, made a quiet trip to the Marriage Licence Bureau and showed their respective parents the licence. Then parental consent was forthcoming. Coffey was a naval aviator during the war.



Mayor Cryer.

All the hopes and fears of Los Angeles' citizens depend on whether Mayor J. C. Cryer is in condition when he meets Mayor H. T. Bacon, of San Diego, for the Mayoralty Marble Championship of Southern California. Both are crack shots, and both have won their way to the top against Mayors of other Coast cities. Mayor Cryer has been photographed while drawing a bead on an "aggie."



Dr. George E. Boffenmeyer.

An investigation has been begun by the Du Page County Grand Jury into practices at the Lombard Sanatorium, at Lombard. Patients, it is alleged, have been starved "for their health," given the water cure and made to lie naked in the sun—also "for their health." Two women patients are said to have died there. Steps for a revocation of the licence granted Dr. George E. Boffenmeyer, one-man staff of the institution, on a charge of unprofessional practice, are planned.



Mrs. William E. Corey.

International jewel bandits, according to police of Paris and London, were guilty of the theft of a pearl necklace valued at \$200,000 stolen from Mrs. William Ellis Corey, formerly Mabel Gilmann, noted actress, on her trip from Paris to London. Scotland Yard and police of cities on the Continent rounded up well-known jewel thieves following the sensational theft, but the missing necklace failed to materialize. Mrs. Corey, broken-hearted over the loss, said the necklace was a Christmas gift from her husband. It consisted of 130 perfectly-matched pearls and was unrivalled in the world, she declared.



Jessie M. Morelock.

Police of Chicago have admitted they are seeking pretty Miss Jessie Marie Morelock in their investigation of the brutal slaying of Richard C. Tesmer, insurance broker, who was held up with his wife near his home by a male bandit and a girl companion. The girl calmly shot down Tesmer as he turned to reassure his wife, then rifled his pockets of \$10, while her partner-in-crime tore a ring from the hand of the horrified wife. Mrs. Tesmer, shown a photograph of Miss Morelock, said she was almost certain that the girl did the shooting.



Mrs. G. R. Tucker.

Mrs. Gilbert R. Tucker, formerly Miss Evelyn Dodge, of Peabody, Massachusetts, has married the son of her sister's husband and now is entitled to call her sister "mother." Relatives of the couple are trying to figure out a score or more complicated relationships.



Gen. Guy E. Tripp.

Plans are under way, as has been ascertained, for the development of a huge, unified, privately-owned electrical system, capable of supplying the power needs of the entire country. They are being backed by the Westinghouse Electric Company, Guy E. Tripp, Chairman of the company's Board of Directors, has admitted. Fulfillment of the plans, requiring years, would entail an investment of five billion dollars and an increase of probably a billion a year in money spent for electricity. It would offer a practicable method of electrifying all of the country's steam railroads, however. Frank G. Baum, consulting engineer, of San Francisco, has developed the idea beyond the theory stage.



Mrs. H. C. Ward.

Mrs. Henry C. Ward, wife of Judge H. C. Ward, is defendant in a divorce action begun by her husband, who is 73 years of age. The jurist has alleged that she married him less than a year after she was divorced from Albert Marshall in Chicago. Mrs. Ward, who is 38, has stated that the judge recently underwent a "rejuvenation operation" and that he hasn't been the same since.



Troubles have multiplied for Mrs. Elaine Lee Harris, pretty 27-year-old wife of Beverly D. Harris prominent financier and for her Vice-President of the National City Bank. Her personal property and baggage have been attached in St. Louis by the Sheriff on a writ secured by Lee Merriweather, the attorney who represented her in her fight to disprove the charges made by her husband in his action to annul their marriage. Her alleged inability to pay counsel fees of \$3,000 brought about the attachment of her property. A hearing of her husband's charges is being conducted in the Missouri city.



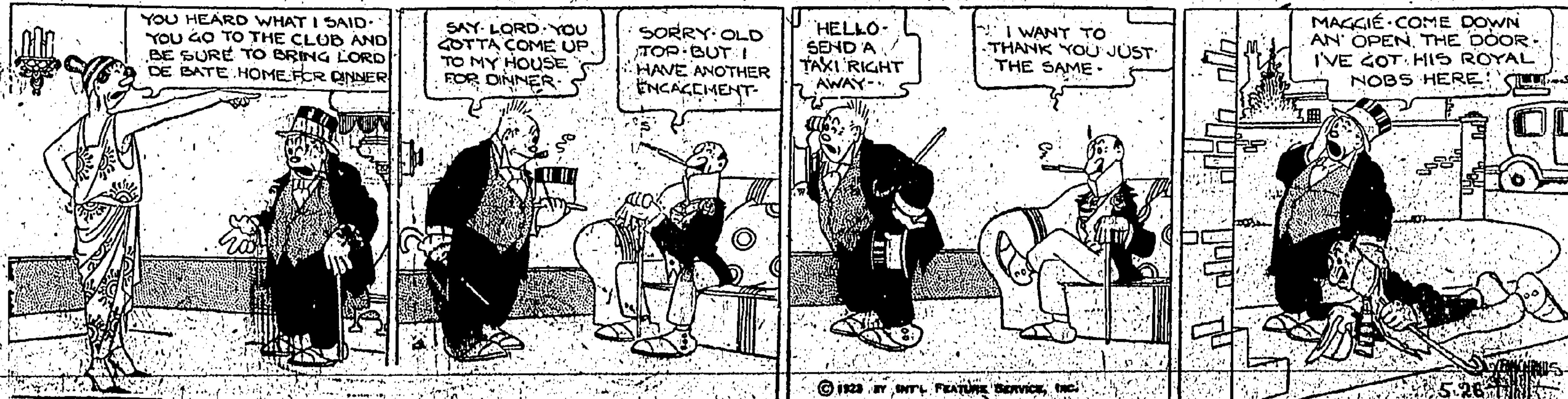
David Carnegie, Earl of Northesk, and Miss Jessica Brown.

David Carnegie, Earl of Northesk, and Miss Jessica Brown former "Follies" dancer, of Buffalo, New York, have learned for themselves the truth of the old saw that true love never runs smoothly. The Earl came to the United States to wed the winsome Jessica, who had fallen in love during her London appearance, but the couple were denied a marriage licence by an obdurate bureau clerk in New York on the ground that there was some doubt as to the legality of Jessica's divorce from her first husband, Cyril Dewitt Reinhard, in Illinois. Then Cyril himself appeared on the scene, with the declaration that Jessica was "not yet through" with him, and threatened action against the dancer if she weds. Her divorce decree, he said, is not legal. The Earl and Jessica have planned to go to Canada for the wedding, it is said.

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